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This anti-trust case against Microsoft is the most ridiculous and stupid cases I have ever heard of. Microsoft has been backbone of the PC industry since its inception. They have spent many billions of dollars in development to get to where they are today. Without Microsoft there would be no PC and there would be no Home or Industry use the Internet. They have done all of this and haven't burdened the consumer with their costs.

They don't force or encourage the consumer to use their Internet Explorer nor do they require the user to signup for MSN Internet Service.

The companies that are complaining have no basis for the complaint other than that they may be struggling due to bad management. I don't even understand why Sun Inc. is involved in this. Their boxes run the Unix operating system, and are expensive high-end computers used as Internet Servers and heavy duty CAD/CAM. Microsoft is no threat to them. AOL Inc. is a scam operation. Their Internet Provider Service is a total rip off to the consumer. The service is the highest priced service in the market. It is also the worst service in the market. They use sneaky marketing tactics to lure the consumer to sign up for their service. The latest on is 1000 hours of free service for up to 45 days. If you do the numbers, you will soon discover that the consumer cannot even begin to use this offering. Even if they could keep their computer online 24 hours a day, the AOL service would not allow the continuous connection. Real Audio is another scam. They try to entice to sign up for their expensive monthly service where they promise all kinds of exciting multi-media services. They only thing they give the consumer are a monthly bill and the opportunity to spend more hard earned money on unneeded overpriced junk software. I think the people behind the new Linex operating system are just riding the band wagon. I'm sure they would love to learn how Microsoft does the things they do in their Windows products. In 10 or 20 years Linex may become a competitor but not to Microsoft. It will be competing with Unix.

If I were to decide this case, my decision would be to require all of the States involved to pay Microsoft's legal fees and close it.

If you really want to go after a company, go after AT&T again. They are currently creating a Monopoly in the Cable TV industry. An industry that has no competition and the consumer has no choice.

The Justice Department should also take note that Microsoft is the only large company that didn't jump on the Sept 11 band wagon and fire thousands of workers. I wish someone would resolve the issue that allows companies to operate with two sets of books (one for internal and one for the Government and the investor). The current so call accepted accounting procedures are allowing these companies to legally steal billions.

Enough said, thank you for the opportunity to voice my side. Sincerely Bob Peiffer